rates). It is not possible for National Archives of India to supply copies of all theses to all States Archives free of cost.

(F) Bringing out compendia on new economic reforms

(6) Resolution by the Government of Kerala

"Resolved to request that the Indian Historical Records Commission may enjoin upon the National Archives of India and the various State Archives in the country to bring out compendia on one or more subjects covered by the new economic reforms launched by the Government of India, especially the twenty point programme announced by the Prime Minister, with a view to helping people to appreciate these egalitarian reforms from a historical standpoint also".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The recent economic reforms launched by the Government of India including the 20 point programme announced by the Prime Minister in July are no doubt a landmark in the socio-economic life of the nation. Alongside the implementation of these reforms, the Governments both at the Centre and the States have been sparing no efforts to bring home to the people the imperative need of these measures being implemented at the crucial hour in the life of the country. Handouts, press releases, speeches by Ministers and Officers may cover various aspects of the issue.

In order that the people understand the special importance of these economic questions, it would seem necessary that the historical background also of these questions which have issued forth to the forefront of our socio-economic scene at this hour, is given.

If the saying, that an intelligent study of the past promotes a pride in current progress is true, it behoves the National Archives of India and the various State Archives in the country to assist in fostering the Government of India's new economic programmes by bringing out suitable compendia on each of these programmes on the basis of the records in their custody. Substantial original research materials on one or another of the issues on hand may lie locked up in one or another of the various archives institutions in the country and with some effort, fascinating background material in the form of compendiums could be brought out by them with a view to serving the people to understand the programmes in a clear historical perspective also.

To cite an example, Kerala and Tamil Nadu are the two States which are concerned more with the new programme relating to handloom and it can natnrally be expected that the archives repositories of these two States may be having a good deal of material which would render themselves easily into a good compendium. Likewise other State Archives may be finding it easy to bring out compendia on one or more of the programmes now being launched or are in the offing. Incidentally all archives may be able to compile compendia on land reform measures because this is a reform common to all States and Union territories.

It is hoped that on the basis of the information that may emerge from a proper study of the material in their own custody, the National Archives of India and the various State Archives would be able to issue compendia with a view

to enable the people to see these issues from the standpoint of history, also.

Standing Committee's views:

Various Institutions are, bringing out publications on Economic History of India viz. (1) Delhi School of Economics, Delhi (2) Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta and (3) Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi. The Vth Plan Schemes of National Archives of India and most States Archives have already been finalised and approved by Planning Commission. At present due to paucity of funds the National Archives of India is not in a position to take up any new publication programme. Report of the Committee on Archival Legislation (December 1960) has recommended that the publication programme in hand should cease after the twenty-one volumes of the Fort-William India House Correspondence project have been published. Each State Archives has its own publication programme and bring out publication on various topics every year subject to the availability of funds. The Learned Institutions and the Universities, however, may take up the publication programme regarding the 20 points. The National Archives of India and the States Archives could give all assistance in this work.

(G) Preservation of private records by political leaders and men of eminence

(7) Resolution by Professor M.N.Das

"Resolved that on behalf of the Indian Historical Records Commission, Circulars in forms of appeals be sent to political leaders and men of eminence in different walks of life to preserve their private, demi-official or official correspondences for the benefit of the future."